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Hi Don:

As promised, here is a listing of the key points we discussed in our call with you today. If you have questions, please feel free to call me at the number listed below. Please give Conrad my best and tell him that I will see him in Seattle in November (at the National League of Cities).

Thank you very much for your participation on the call today.

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- The latest round of groundwater sample collection was completed during the week of October 7. Because of the federal government shutdown, MDNR staff provided technical assistance in collecting EPA's split samples during this activity.
- Lab analysis of this sampling—the last of four planned seasonal groundwater sampling events at the site—should be available in 10 to 12 weeks. EPA will share those results with the public online, and at a public meeting that is yet to be scheduled.
- EPA will mobilize to West Lake Landfill during the week of October 28 to provide daily continuing oversight of Gamma Cone Penetration Testing (GCPT) activity, which will be performed by Republic Services' engineering contractor.
- This GCPT activity will identify depth to subsurface rock formations and test for radiation levels in the ground at multiple locations in the area of the landfill where Republic Services proposes to build an isolation barrier.
- Republic has hired a contractor to clear vegetation and install some temporary roads to provide access to the project area, enabling the GCPT activity to occur. This phase of the project is estimated to take 10 to 15 days to complete.
- Vegetation will only be cleared from areas where the temporary roads will be constructed. The roads themselves will only be used to provide access for the surveying equipment to conduct the actual GCPT screening activity.
- The building of the temporary roads is being expressly done to prevent unnecessary disturbances of any surface material that might contain radiologically impacted material.
- Similarly, the vegetation removal work—which will occur only in the paths of the temporary roads—will be done in a way to minimize the generation of dust that might contain radiologically impacted material.
- Republic's engineering contractor is expected to take approximately 12 to 15 days to complete the actual GCPT screening activity.
- There may be some overlapping of the vegetation clearing, road installing and GCPT screening activities. Barring unforeseen delays (such as for weather, etc.), all of these activities are planned to be completed by Thanksgiving.
- EPA will have representatives on site during field operations to oversee this work. All personnel working on the project will be trained in appropriate health and safety work protocols.
- Results of the GCPT activity will be shared with the public when they are finalized. The exact date for this is unknown at this time.